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The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to
the use for republication of all news dispatches
credited to it or not otherwise credited to
this paper, and also the local news published
therein.A hard sousing rain would fill the bill,
nothing short of that.Investors do not think 2 1/2 per cent a
large per cent, nor do the beer makers.Something ought to be done to the
South Main street bridge, if nothing
more than to close the bridge for traffic.Despite the remarkable success of the
dirigible R-34, the steamships are still
ploughing the deep and will continue to
do so as long as the world lasts.That congressional food price inquiry
might appeal strongly to the people if
there was any certainty that the find-
ings of the inquiry would amount to
anything other than a big bill of expense
incident to the investigation.The hauling out of vast stores of con-
cealed foodstuffs in Germany with the
consequent drop in the prices is cal-
culated to strengthen the contention of
the allies that their victory was a mili-
tary victory rather than a victory
brought about through the hunger of
the enemy, as the latter has contended
ever since the signing of the armistice.Some of those distinguished men who
sit in the halls of Congress are indulging
in child's play to a remarkable extent
during the discussions relative to the
enactment of laws for the enforcement
of the dry regime in the United States.
It is an odd brand of statesmanship to
which the American people are treated
now and then, a brand of statesmanship
which would scarcely do credit to the
corner grocery.Commander Frank A. King of the U.
S. mine sweeper Richard H. Buckley,
which sank in the North sea after being
blown up by a mine, lived up to the best
traditions of the sea and of the Amer-
ican navy by sticking to the ship while
endeavoring to get the crew off safely,
only to lose his own life in the swirl of
the sea as the water closed over the ship.
There surely is official commendation
forthcoming for a man of that heroic
mould. He gave a splendid display of
fortitude and self-sacrifice.If the allies leave it to Germany to
produce the Germans who are accused of
criminal acts during, and in the prosecu-
tion of, the war, we fear that the allies
will be a long time in bringing those
people to the bar of justice. It is just
the turn of events which Germany
would, no doubt, like to have happen
for the allies to trust to the good offices
of the German government in surrender-
ing these persons. The whole procedure
prior to the trial would be bound up in
a mass of red tape stuck together with
slimy German diplomacy.It is said that the arrangement of the
allies by alphabetical order in the pro-
posed great victory parade in London
Saturday night would put the Americans
at the head of the column and that such
a position has been assigned them. The
people of Europe are still inclined to
overlook the fact that the name is the
United States and not America. Were
the assignment of positions to be made
according to the real alphabetical order,
the troops from the United States would
be at the end of the parade. Possibly
there really is some other reason back
of the alignment other than the alpha-
betical order; it is barely possible that
the element of courtesy and an unpaid
debt is back of the arrangement.While in Burlington recently on his
speaking tour against the league of na-
tions, Senator Johnson of California
gave the Republicans there gathered a
very optimistic vision of the political
outlook for 1920, and he seems to have
based his optimism largely on the con-
tention that President Wilson is "all
done" in the South. That sort of op-
timism will no doubt be taken with a
grain of salt by the wing of the Repub-
lican party which demands cold facts
rather than private opinion, which may
be warped by its own enthusiasm. The
South may not be expected to get
through with President Wilson until it is
convinced there is nothing more to get
from Wilson; and in view of the fact
that the South has got pretty much
everything it already has through Wil-
son and that the end of the largesses has
not appeared it is not likely that Wilson
is "all done" in the South. Senator
Johnson is an optimistic person when he
wants to be, but his optimism regarding
the South's desertion of Wilson is not
sufficiently well-founded.Barre people pay a sizeable percentage
of the state's automobile fund, and it is
just that Barre should share to the limit
in the apportionment of that fund for
state highway work rather than to let
the smaller towns reap all the benefits
from the system now in operation. There-
fore, the offer of the state highway de-
partment for a sum not to exceed \$1,500
in resurfacing the main roads leading
into the city, providing the city expends
a like amount, will be taken advantage
of. Some of the unsatisfactory condi-Wash Suits with consti-
tution to stand the tub.
Suits that in beauty of
fabric and style will
win all along the line
and give prestige to the
clothes line.Some student of human
nature says the clothes
line gives a line on the
whole history and char-
acter of the family.For boys from four
years to ten, play suits,
sailor, middy and ma-
rine suits, beach and
dress suits of the tub
class.

What's Your Teller?

F. H. Rogers &
CompanyLadies with small feet,
don't miss this chance.
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and Pumpsin small sizes, 2 1/2 and 3,
and we have put them on
our bargain table for

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a pair. These are mostly

Walk-Over
Shoesand are extra values. They
will make a dandy house
shoe. If your feet are small
you should buy two or three
pairs of these.With the high prices of
shoes, here's your chance.
They will go quickly. Come
in.Rogers'
Walk-Over Boot
Shoptions in the north and south ends of
Main street may be remedied by the
application of that money, so the Rut-
land Herald mail will not be awakened
out of his sleep when he motors into
Barre again, he having complained that
a motorist would know in his sleep when
he struck Barre because of the "bump-
ety-bump" motion of the car. By the
way, the Herald man criticized the ex-
tremities of Main street but he had
nothing to say about the even surface of
the greater part of that street which is
as good as can be found in any city or
town in Vermont.LICENSING AIRPLANE OPERATORS
IN VERMONT.The business of carrying passengers
by airplane is developing to a consid-
erable extent in some parts of Vermont,
which raises the query whether there
should not be state licenses for this sort
of business. The requirement of a state
license would not be intended as a mon-
ey-raising scheme on the part of the
state but simply to determine whether
the person engaged in the business is
competent to conduct the traffic and
whether the machine he proposed to use
is sufficiently equipped to insure the
maximum of safety. The state requires
drivers of automobiles to secure an op-
erator's license no matter whether the
persons be in the business for hire or for
their own enjoyment and the enjoyment
of their families; and rambling over the
roads on four wheels is something which
requires less skill and nerve than cata-
pulting through space on the unstable
wings of an airplane. Before the lives
of people are entrusted to the care of
operators of airplanes, all due precaution
should be taken by the state to make
certain that the operators are compe-
tent and their machines safe regardless
of what certificates the operators them-
selves may have from some other gov-
ernment or society. As airplanes be-
come popularized (as they seem destined
to become) there will be urgent necessity
that the use of the machines be put
under some definite form of regulation.
The first step in that regulation would
be to require the taking out of a license
to operate, coupled with a description of
the machine proposed to be used under
the license.

Another Six Months

We increased our savings deposits over \$200,000.00 from January to July 1,
and while we realize that this is a very large increase, we feel that we can bet-
ter it during the coming six months.Whether we do or not will depend on two things, first, we must impress upon the
minds of the people that we have a strong, well managed national bank which
can be of service to them in many ways; and secondly, we must actually do
what we advertise that we will do.If we cannot do what we say we will do, then our money that we spend for ad-
vertising is wasted and our reputation is spoiled.To realize this fact and our responsibility in this vital matter is to recognize
the guiding principle of all successful enterprises.We believe that the people want to know what we can do for them but we be-
lieve further that they want to have us make good in deeds and this we are
trying to do.We want our promises to be judged by performance and then the verdict will
rest with the hundreds of people whom we are daily trying to serve.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Little of Barre Everywhere.

Editor, Times: Go where you will in
this great land, you find a Barre boy.
In my nine months' tour, now drawing
to a close, I have visited 143 army and
navy camps, extending all the way from
Camp Merritt in New Jersey to the
camps on the Rio Grande, speaking to
more than 500,000 men on Americanism.
In far off Fort Morgan, 35 miles down
the Mobile, a young Italian soldier came
ask if I would like to read a copy of
The Times. In Eagle hut, located in
Bryant park, New York, two Barre boys,
Willey and McKenzie, introduced them-
selves. Last Thursday afternoon at the
navy rifle range at Virginia beach, this
conversation took place between a "Y"
secretary, a dental corps lieutenant and
myself.Y secretary—Dr. Wells, allow me to
introduce another Vermont.
Dr. Wells—Delighted to meet you.
Myself—Where are you from, doctor?
Dr. Wells—Barre.Myself—So am I; shake.
Here, far below the Mason and Dixon
line, I had met the son of an old boy-
hood chum and whose uncle was my
classmate at Goddard.Last night when I closed a boy came
and said, "What town in Vermont did
you come from?" "Barre." "So do I; my
father was William Jones."I have never found a Barre boy con-
fined in a guard house.William W. Lapoint.
Newport News, Va., July 13, 1919.

CURRENT COMMENT

Capital Punishment.

Vermont sickened of capital punish-
ment by hanging because of the Mary
Rogers and Elroy Kent affairs and de-
cided that if a rope couldn't be trusted
an electric chair would be substituted.
The first execution by electricity in this
state has just taken place and the news-
paper accounts are that it "was a most
successful operation."But what does it all amount to? Is
the state indulging in the taking of hu-
man life for the purpose of securing re-
venge? If so, we have not progressed
far out of the dark shades of barbarism.
There is no more justification for society
as a whole taking a human life in a re-
vengeful spirit than there is for a single
member of society going out with a
smoking revolver and venting his spite
on an individual.
The protection of society by inflicting
a punishment that is deterrent and by
rendering the offender harmless is the
only justification for a penal code. We
ought by this time to recognize that
capital punishment is not a deterrent.
It does not stay the hand of other mur-
derers. This is a notorious truth which
has been recognized since the day when
pickpockets plied their trade at public
hangings in England when one of the
fellows of their craft was paying the
last penalty for putting his fingers in
another's pocket, up to the very present
right here in Vermont, where, despite
the infliction of capital punishment, we
find our courts so crowded with homicide
cases that the electric chair at Windsor
will be all but worn out if convictions
are secured in the cases now awaiting
trial.

Capital punishment is a terrible fail-

ure. It does not effect its purpose. It
is a waste of time and money. The Mes-
senger does not hold this opinion be-
cause of any sickly sentimentality in
favor of murderers. Their crime is the
most horrible in the whole category and
they deserve certain and severe punish-
ment. Yet every demand is met by the
infliction of imprisonment for life at
hard labor. And this method permits
the state to keep its hands clean of
blood, possibly the blood of an innocent
man or woman. It gives opportunity
for the correction of an error, which
sometimes is revealed after long years
have passed. The day is surely coming
when Vermont will abolish capital pun-
ishment because the senselessness of it
will be recognized and because men some-
times will revolt at the procession of state
murder following in the trail of individ-
ual murder.—St. Albans Messenger.

Constitutional Conventions.

Constitutional conventions are to meet
soon in Illinois and Indiana, and in the
former a commendable nonpartisanship
is being shown in the consideration of
delegates. A member of the state su-
preme court has announced that he will
resign to be a candidate. Democratic
leaders in Cook county have expressed
their wish to co-operate with Republi-
cans in the election of such men as
Speaker Shanahan—a Republican who
lives in a Democratic district—if the
Republicans will act reciprocally. Com-
mittees of the Democratic and Republi-
can county organizations in Chicago have
arranged to meet with representatives of
the City club, Association of Commerce,
Federation of Labor, Civic Federation
and Woman Suffrage association. Mean-
while there is news in the Evanston dis-
trict of a movement under the slogan,
"Business Men and Not Politicians for
Delegates." Governor Lowden is chiefly
to be credited with the success of the
movement in Illinois for a state conven-
tion; while Indiana's governor moved to
submit the question of a constitutional
convention to the people after the legis-
lature had refused to act. The consti-

A Way They Have.

Mrs. Flint came for a visit to her sis-
ter's home, and her little niece, Char-
lotte, was delighted to see her."What became of the black kitten
that you had when I was here before,
dear?" asked Mrs. Flint."Why, don't you know?" asked Char-
lotte, much surprised."I haven't heard a word," replied the
aunt. "Was he poisoned?"

"No, ma'am," said Charlotte.

"Drowned?"

"O, no."

"Stolen?"

"No."

"Hurt in any way?"

"No, ma'am."

"Well," said Mrs. Flint, "I can't guess,
dear. What became of him?""He grewed into a cat," said Char-
lotte.—Lippincott's.

What's a Mere Lung?

"The doctor says I must stop smok-
ing. One lung is nearly gone."
"Oh, dear! Can't you hold out until
we get enough coupons for that parlor
rug?"—Boston Transcript.Capital
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be a failure; the man who saves will rise in his
trade or profession steadily; this is inevitable."Wanamaker says: "The difference between the
clerk who spends all his salary and the clerk who
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